

**Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board
Board of Directors**

1250 San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos, CA 94070

Minutes of February 5, 2026

Members Present: Margaret Abe-Koga, David J. Canepa, David Cohen (arrived at 9:02 am), Steve Heminger, Greg Wagner (arrived 9:06 am), Shamann Walton, Pat Burt (Vice Chair), Rico E. Medina (Chair)

Members Absent: Jeff Gee

Staff Present: M. Bouchard, S. Bullock, A. Feng, C. Fromson, J. Harrison, L. Leung, L. Lumina-Hsu, D. Ryan

1. Call to Order

Chair Medina called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

2. Roll Call

Loana Lumina-Hsu, Deputy JPB Secretary, called the roll and confirmed a Board quorum was present.

3. Pledge of Allegiance / Safety Briefing

Chair Medina led the Pledge of Allegiance and Ms. Lumina-Hsu delivered the safety briefing.

4. Request to Change Order of Business – There were none.

5. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

Jeff Carter commented on Super Bowl public transit service and ridership.

Aleta Dupree commented on Clipper issues and Super Bowl.

Roland commented on on-call contracts funding.

Adrian Brandt commented on Clipper issues, fare enforcement, and trains doors closing early.

Director Cohen arrived at 9:02 am.

Director Wagner arrived at 9:05 am.

6. Report of the Executive Director

Michelle Bouchard, Executive Director, provided the presentation that included the following:

- Introduced Jerry Guaracino, Chief Safety Officer
- January on time performance (OTP) at 95.4 percent
- Clipper fare inspection devices experiencing issues with contactless payments and slow performance
- Riders reporting GoPass and monthly passes not accessible using Clipper; staff meeting with Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and Cubic Corporation (Cubic) to identify issues and implement resolutions
- Electrification project award update
- Martin Luther King Junior Celebration Train, Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Tamien Station ribbon cutting, and February events highlighted
- Super Bowl week preparations: dedicated event webpage, presence on regional sites, station ambassadors systemwide, and joint Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA)-Caltrain day pass for game-day travels

Staff provided further clarification in response to the Board comments and questions, which included the following:

- Caltrain's plan for Clipper alternatives
- MTC to review Cubic contract for recourse and requested report on corrections; Clipper alternatives if no resolutions in a month

Public Comment

Jeff Carter commented on Clipper issues, State loan, Senate Bill (SB) 63, safety, and copper theft.

Aleta Dupree, Team Folds, commented on Token Transit and ridership recovery.

Adina Levin, Seamless Bay Area, commented on Clipper issues and benefits.

Roland commented on Bay Area public transit passes, State bridge loan, and Tamien station.

Adrian Brandt commented on Cubic and trains leaving early.

7. Consent Calendar

7.a. **Approval of Meeting Minutes for January 8, 2026**

7.b. **Update on and Authorize Executive Director to Execute Amendment to Cooperative Agreement with the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) for VTA's Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) Silicon Valley Phase II Extension Program****

Motion/Second: Burt/Cohen

Ayes: Abe-Koga, Canepa, Cohen, Heminger, Wagner, Walton, Burt, Medina

Noes: None

Absent: Gee

8. **Adopt Revised Policy Regarding Brown Act Remote Meetings Exceptions for Board, Committee, and Advisory Committee Meetings - *Approved by Resolution No. 2026-03***

Anna Myles-Primakoff, Olson Remcho, provided the presentation that included the following:

- Amendments SB 707 allows remote participation during emergencies and expands Just Cause exceptions
- Remote participation for disabilities; disruptive participants can be removed
- Option for members to attend in person, Zoom, or remotely under exceptions

Staff provided further clarification in response to the following Board comments and questions regarding remote participation requirements.

Motion/Second: Burt/Cohen

Ayes: Abe-Koga, Canepa, Cohen, Heminger, Wagner, Walton, Burt, Medina

Noes: None

Absent: Gee

Public Comment

Jeff Carter commented on Brown Act changes and easier remote participation for public and Board members.

Aleta Dupree, Team Folds, spoke in support of Brown Act changes, remote member participation, and commented on inclusive mobility access for public meetings.

Adrian Brandt spoke in support of the Brown Act changes and remote participation for advisory bodies.

Roland commented on remote member participation.

9. Authorize the Disposition of Fifteen Vehicles and Three Pieces of Equipment - Approved by Resolution No. 2026-04

Lawrence Leung, Manager, Rail Contracts and Budgets, provided the presentation that included the disposition of support vehicles and rail maintenance fleet vehicles.

Motion/Second: Cohen/Heminger

Ayes: Abe-Koga, Canepa, Cohen, Heminger, Wagner, Walton, Burt, Medina

Noes: None

Absent: Gee

10. Receive State and Federal Legislative Update and Consider Position on Legislation: House of Representatives (H.R.) 3647 (Mullen)

Devon Ryan, Government Affairs Officer, provided the presentation that included the following:

Federal

- Appropriations and community project requests
- H.R. 3647 Study on Artificial Intelligence (AI) for Enhanced Crossing Safety (SAFE CROSS)
Act aligns with Caltrain safety goals

State

- \$3 billion budget deficit projected; Cap-and-Invest Tier 3 priorities receive less funding
- State Loan Agreement reached with California Department of Finance and MTC for \$590 million
- SB 667: Freight rail require wayside detectors every 10 miles; affecting operations as Caltrain is a tenant on freight tracks and freight tracks use Caltrain's rails
- Assembly Bill (AB) 1372: Regenerative braking energy compensation not moving forward this year; no compensation on distribution side with Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E)
- SB 63: Phase one of efficiency review analysis underway

Motion/Second: Cohen/Abe-Koga

Ayes: Abe-Koga, Canepa, Cohen, Heminger, Wagner, Walton, Burt, Medina

Noes: None

Absent: Gee

Public Comment

Aleta Dupree, Team Folds, commented on AI related devices for railroad crossings to reduce trespass, State budget, AB 1372, Federal funding, and SB 667.

Roland commented on the South County Communication Project.

Adrian Brandt commented on H.R. 3647, rail sentry, crossing enforcement technology, and freight detectors.

Jeff Carter commented on freight detectors, AB 1372, and SB 63.

11. Receive Update on the Corridor Crossing Strategy

Casey Fromson, Chief of Staff, provided the presentation that included the following:

- First corridor-wide approach to grade separations and near-term safety improvements
- Safety Enhancement Program includes baseline and advanced projects; Elimination Program covers closures and grade separations
- Integrated project teams and sequence lists guide efficient project delivery and prioritization
- Federal, state, regional, and county funding resources; smaller projects prioritized for quick implementation
- Ongoing collaboration with cities, counties, and partners; program refined through feedback and living delivery guide

Staff provided further clarification in response to the Board comments and questions, which included the following:

- Baseline safety improvements (around \$300,000 per crossing) and strategic planning for corridor-wide scaling
- Coordinate low-cost versus high-cost elements; target improvements that can be completed quickly and support quite zone requirements
- Integrate safety enhancements with long-term elimination projects; interim measures provide immediate benefits without delaying eliminations
- Collaborate with communities and cities to optimize safety, capacity, and environmental outcomes

Director Walton left at 10:39 am.

Public Comment

Jeff Carter commented grade separations and safety improvements funding source, project completion times, timing of gates to reduce downtime, and coordinate with traffic signals.

Roland commented on project cost and safety enhancements.

Adrian Brandt commented on delineators, deterrence measures, and grade crossing enforcements.

Gina commented on crossing project fundings from cities and relationships with local jurisdictions.

12. Receive Update on Guadalupe River Bridge Project

Sherry Bullock, Interim Chief, Design and Construction, and CalMod Program Director, provided the presentation that included the following:

- Construction impacted by varying site conditions, bird nesting season, and permitting requirements
- Second dry season preparation: additional access road, extend work hours, and site preparation prior to construction window

Public Comment

Roland commented on refraining from closing Highway 87 during Northbound commute.

Director Cohen left the meeting at 10:59 am.

13. Reports

13.a. Report of the Chair - Chair Medina reported meeting with the Chair and Vice Chair of the CAC on expectations of meetings and reports, collaboration and working with CAC.

13.b. Report of the Citizens Advisory Committee – Available online.

13.c. Report of the Local Policy Maker Group (LPMG) - Chair Burt reported on the January in-person workshop and the enhanced crossing strategy was well-received as practical, timely, and cost-effective.

13.d. Report of the Transbay Joint Powers Authority (TJPA) - The item was deferred.

Public Comment

Jeff Carter commented on Report of the Citizens Advisory Committee.

Roland commented on Zoom AI to generate reports.

Adrian Brandt commented on posting Zoom videos on YouTube, Report of the Citizens Advisory Committee, and LPMG meetings notification.

14. Correspondence – Available online.

15. Board Member Requests – There were none.

16. Date/Time/Location of Next Regular Meeting: Thursday, March 5, 2026 at 9:00 am via Zoom and in person at the San Mateo County Transit District, Bacciocco Auditorium, 2nd Floor, 1250 San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos, CA.

17. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 11:06 am.